

Press & Tribune.

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IS THE WEST BANKRUPT?

We showed, from actual figures, in yesterday's issue, that the exports from Chicago between the first of August and the 12th of November, were \$25,350,150. Adding the shipments till the first of January, it is believed that at least TWELVE MILLIONS of dollars will be paid out by the port of Chicago during the four months of the present year. The shipments of produce from other quarters added to those of our own, will probably swell the value of shipments to the sea coast during the same period, to forty millions of dollars. After the imports of the past six months, there will, for these, be no doubt whatever, that a very considerable portion of this sum can be appropriate to the payment of Westward indebtedness.

But perhaps still we are, I financier who has hundreds of millions invested in Western railroads and mercantile enterprises, who has a large list of Western business interests, which he begins to regard more as a permanent than a paying investment, will consider that the West is hopelessly bankrupt! It can never pay. Millions of money have been sunk in Western improvements, and thousands of her merchants and business men are involved in irretrievable ruin. Grant, for the sake of the argument, that all this is true, and that we are leaving West, in a few years, more than twice the former population. Our soil is just now producing, and, as beautiful and inviting our hills and rivers are, so truly magnified as if a commercial revolution had swept over the land, prostrating the richest and the strongest in its mad career.

Let us examine this subject a little more closely, and we shall find that though there are causes of severe individual hardship, the West has been greatly benefited by the loss of which our Eastern friends complain so much.

Capitalists there complain of the want of the fruits of their labor. Democratic hosts were visited with an arrengement device on the books, in the centre of which was a cross of the Callicolic church. We need not say that this was a dodge for quickening the seal of the Catholic voters, nor that it had the desired effect. But it has come to this, that the alliance between Slavery and Popery is thus openly proclaimed in the capital of the Empire State!

HARPER'S JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION.

The name of Timothy L. Bigelow has been synonymous with secret fraud and crime on the part of the Southern Confederacy and Northern States, over a series of a score of years. He was a shrewd, unprincipled and desperate man, his life, for which he paid, took the lead in the formation of Harper's Ferry and Charlestown Ferry House; to which persons connected with him, and those of New York furnish the largest part of the cash to build the cities. Their money, certainly the most of it, was sunk out of sight forever; but the roads were finished; they are greater and much needed, therefore, than they ever were before; and the roads, and especially one can deny that they are doing a great service in developing its resources. It is plain that the West has gained much more than the East has lost by the construction of these roads, for not only have Illinois and Wisconsin gained the first cost of the roads, but the vast apperations of lands through which they run. Thus the taxable property of the West, which is the chief source of wealth, may be said to consist of several individual speculators who are a part of the capitalist who have invested their money in them and other non-improving improvements can afford to lose it. It was merely subtracting that much from an overgrown, perhaps an unduly fortunate, may be that depletion, though in itself regarded as a misfortune, may prove a positive advantage.

We find that the public prints of the Harper's Ferry "Daily Spy" have gained much ground. Many of those who are in the service of our fellow citizen Wm. R. Oglesby, who has lost half a million of dollars in the construction of the Chicago and Northwest Railroad. [And yet, with a truly heroic devotion to the public welfare, he assured us that he could not regret the loss for a moment, in consideration of the great advantages which he will be to the people of the West. Such an attitude as this is, in itself, worth while, even at a price, and surely there will be an abundance left to satisfy any reasonable ambition for wealth and all the advantages herein mentioned.]

The case of the Western merchants and manufacturers who have claims against Western Northern states, is not very clear; but it is substantially different from that of the Southern states. They are not entitled to compensation for the loss of their investments, and that loss has been largely absorbed by the railroads and other enterprises which may come to show their chateaux in Canada and liberty!

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The Virginians are represented as men of property for the country, and as the country of the country, for supplying their slaves with axes, plowshares, hoes, hammers, and pitchforks, and that they are the chief slaveholders who may come to show their chateaux in Canada and liberty!

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The Krohns' "Daily Spy" has the following paragraph with regard to the growing of Sorghum in Iowa: "Estimating the value of the crop by the known amount in a few counties, and the Republican Campaign Club, composed of all who will be willing to do so, set over 100,000 bushels of seed to the negroes. If any other person is to damage seriously the cause of the negro, he will be held responsible for his conduct."

Ever there was an instance of "rocking the cradle" of the negroes, that which might follow, "the Harpers faithfully record."

IMPORTANT IN TRUTH.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Tribune says: "The Administration has decided on a policy upon the Northern States as a measure against future fractious of such guerrillas as Cortinas, who have lately been threatening Brownsville; and that large numbers of troops were various military stations had been ordered to the west of war. We cannot believe that this report is true. Little as we respect Mr. Lincoln, we do not believe his measures will be so unwise as to bring about a civil war against a neighboring country, with which we are at peace, without the consent of the Representatives of the people, in Congress assembled. It will be remembered that he, in one of his messages, recommended the military occupation of the Southern States, and that he has the right to do so, we cannot but think he has done so in opposition to an experiment. If he did, he would be compelled to make a war against a neighboring country, with which we are at peace, without the consent of the Representatives of the people, in Congress assembled. That will be a blow to the whole nation, and hence all look forward to a gradual but sure return of the prosperity and substantial progress.

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